Allied Schemes (SC & ST) (6) Aid to voluntary organisations (SC & ST) (7) Machinery for the implementation of the PCR Act, (8) Liberation of Scavengers and (9) Central assistance for Scheduled Castes Development Corporations.

In addition, Special Central Assistance to the Special Component Plan and the Tribal Sub-Plan is being provided to the Government of Orissa during 1988-89.

(b) Two voluntary organisations viz. 'Tagore Society for Rural Development' and 'Bharatiya Adamjati Sevak Sangh' were given financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh during 1988-89 as 1st instalment of grant-in-aid for tribal development schemes.

Inclusion of Betre and Siberia in SC and ST list

1284. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has recommended to include Betre and Siberia in the Scheduled caste list as people of these communities are treated as untouchables;

(b) if so, the details regarding the other economic development schemes launched by Orissa Government for the welfare of Scheduled Castes in that State; and

(c) the cooperation extended by Government for the welfare of these tribes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) The recommendation of the State Government of Orissa cannot be disclosed in the Public interest.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Aluminium Authority of India

1285. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Aluminium Authority of India like Steel Authority of India Ltd.; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) There are two primary producers of aluminium in the public sector and three in the private sector. Two public sector undertakings, namely Bharat Aluminium Company Limited and National Aluminium Company Limited are functioning independently. The prices of primary aluminium are statutorily controlled and while fixing the prices, the overall interests of the producers as well as the consumers are given due consideration. There is no distribution control over commercial grade aluminium metal. Moreover, Electrical Conductor Grade Aluminium is under distribution control. This policy has been working smoothly.

Change in the performance indicators of the SAIL

1286. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have decided to change the performance indicators of the Steel Authority of India Ltd. with effect from this year;

(b) if so, what is the genesis of the changes to be made; and

(c) the likely impact on the production target of Steel Authority of India Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Hot Metal and Crude steel production data are more accurate indicators of plant performance than saleable steel. Crude steel is the internationally accepted indicator of production performance. This has had no impact on the production target of Steel Authority of India Limited.